IN THE CLAIMS:

Please revise the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display comprising:

a liquid-crystal layer provided between a pair of substrates so as to be oriented to bend ~~alignment,~~ alignment; and

a phase compensation plate provided for the outside of each of the substrates,

a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates being ~~set~~ limited to a value ½ or less of a minimum wavelength of said light relating to display.

2. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein a birefringent index of a liquid-crystal molecule in said liquid-crystal layer is equal to or less than 0.16.

3. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display acording to claim 1, wherein said minimum wavelength is based on a color having said minimum wavelength among colors relating to color display.

4. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 3, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light is based on blue color.

5. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 3, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light ranges between 380 nm and 488 nm.

6. (Original Claim) The liquid-crystal display according to claim 4, wherein said minimum wavelength of said light ranges between 380 nm and 488 nm.

7. (New) A method of compensating an electrooptical characteristic of a liquid crystal display including a plurality of color filters on a first substrate, said color filters including a plurality of colors, a liquid-crystal layer provided between said color filters and a second substrate so as to be oriented to bend alignment, and a phase compensation plate outside each of said first substrate and said second substrate, said method comprising:

determining a color from said plurality of colors having a shortest wavelength; and

forming said liquid-crystal layer so that a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates is limited in range between zero and a value of ½ a wavelength of said shortest wavelength during a predetermined range of said bend orientation state of said liquid-crystal layer.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said shortest wavelength color corresponds to a blue color filter.

9. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said shortest wavelength falls in a range between 380 nm and 488 nm.

10. (New) A liquid-crystal display comprising:

a first substrate;

a plurality of color filters on said first substrate, said color filters including a plurality of colors, one of said colors having a shortest color wavelength;

a liquid-crystal layer provided between said color filters and a second substrate, said liquid-crystal layer having a predetermined range of driving voltages in a bend alignment orientation state; and

a phase compensation plate outside each of said first substrate and said second substrate,

wherein said liquid-crystal layer is formed such that, during said predetermined range of driving voltages, a retardation of a light passing through said liquid-crystal layer and said phase compensation plates is limited in range between zero and a value of ½ of said shortest color wavelength.

11. (New) The liquid-crystal display of claim 10, wherein said shortest wavelength color corresponds to a blue color filter.

12. (New) The liquid-crystal display of claim 10, wherein said shortest wavelength falls in a range between 380 nm and 488 nm.